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BALANCED NEWS, FEARLESS VIEWS

Noy: Kris, Shalani not in Cabinet but Gibo may be invited

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr. and Philip C. Tubeza

TARLAC CITY—PRESIDENTIAL FRONT-RUNNER Benigno "Noynoy" Aquino III is seriously thinking of inviting his cousin Gilbert Teodoro to join the "talent search" for members of his proposed Cabinet.

NOY STEERS A11

SMILES FROM THE EDGE Liberal Party standard-bearer Benigno "Noynoy" Aquino III only smiles and betrays no other emotion at a press conference in his home province of Tarlac a day after Election Day. He refuses to comment on his rivals accepting defeat one after the other on Tuesday but would only say that the voters' turnout is "awe-inspiring."

Fast count stuns nation

elections 2010
WINNERS, LOSERS ACROSS THE NATION

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WINNERS A11

Comelec stops tallies for Congress tabulation

By Kristine L. Alave, Cathy Yamsuan and Tarra Quismundo

THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS (Comelec) stopped updating the tallies for the presidential and vice presidential races yesterday after lawyers of losing candidates warned the poll body that it might preempt the function of Congress to canvass tabulations for the top two posts.

"People might say that we are proclaiming the president. We just gave the public a bit of a preview," Comelec Chair Jose Melo told reporters.

The last tallies of the votes for presidential and vice presidential candidates, based on 78.5 percent of the electronically

COMELEC A12

PPCRV: Binay takes 14 of 17 regions but Roxas still sees 'hairline win'

By Norman Bordadora, Philip C. Tubeza and Jocelyn R. Uy

LEADING BY AT LEAST 800,000 votes with about 86 percent of the election returns electronically tallied, Makati Mayor Jejomar Binay yesterday said his impending victory in the vice presidential race was written in the stars.

Binay took 14 of the country's 17 regions, according to the Parish Pastoral Council for Responsible Voting (PPCRV), the Commission on Elections' citizens arm.

"Now the one given no chance of winning turned out to be the winner. Just look at it. In short, that's all according to destiny. It happens, it happens," said Binay, running mate of former President Joseph

PPCRV A11





RACE FOR NO. 2 Jejomar Binay (left), who's No. 1 in the VP derby, oozes confidence as he chats with reporters in the mayor's office in Makati. Manuel Roxas is trailing Binay and lying low for now. But he said he's "keeping the faith" and waiting for the Visayas vote to swamp his rival.

Faster than you can say 'Garci'

By Kristine L. Alave, Cathy Yamsuan and Tarra Quismundo

SHELL-SHOCKED.

Winners and losers did not know what hit them as a barrage of election tallies—first a trickle, then a torrent—confronted them with the reality that the poisoned political environment had nothing to do with Monday's automated elections, officials said yesterday.

"It was faster than you can say Garci," said Commission on Elections (Comelec) Chair Jose Melo, alluding to disgraced former commissioner Virgilio Garcillano, who was accused of colluding with President Macapagal-Arroyo to rig the 2004 presidential election, a charge she denies.

The first results came from satellite transmissions—the VSAT and BGAN—from mountainous regions in northern Luzon where there were no regular cell phone sites and the voting populations were small.

FAST A10

'Villar conceding proves Comelec credible'

By Kristine L. Alave, Gil C. Cabacungan, Michael Lim Ubac and TJ Burgonio

COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS (COMELEC) Chair Jose Melo interpreted the presidential candidates conceding defeat one after the other yesterday as vindication of the Comelec. Melo praised Sen. Manuel Villar for conceding early and said his action proved the credibility of the automated elections.

Melo pointed out no candidates from top national posts had questioned the election tallies. "It speaks of the credibility on the part of the count and the Comelec," he said.

The automated elections system "was not corrupted, was not invaded," he said.

In his home province of Tarlac, Sen. Benigno "Noynoy" Aquino III barely showed any emotion despite being on the verge of becoming the most powerful man in the Philippines as he refused to comment on the decision of most of his rivals to accept their defeat only a day after Election Day.

Aquino said the "awe-inspiring" vot-

VILLAR A6

GMA, Pacman, Imelda win; Jocjoc, Ermita, Montano losing

By Inquirer Luzon, Mindanao and Visayas Bureaus

THEY ARE POPULAR AND controversial candidates that local pundits thought had victory in the palms of their hands.

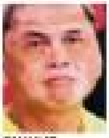
Some are facing the possibility of defeat: Scandal-tainted former Agriculture Undersecretary Jocelyn "Jocjoc" Bolante, priest-on-leave Eddie Panlilio, actor Cesar Montano, former Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez, and many former police and military generals.

Others have sealed or are sensing inevitable triumph: World boxing champion Manny

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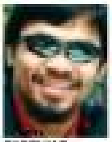
PANLILIO



ERMITA



BOLANTE



PACQUIAO

For Erap, 2010 fight not over yet

By Christian V. Esguerra

CIGARETTE IN ONE HAND, Joseph "Erap" Estrada grinned when the TV screen the size of a billiards table broke the news on Monday night that Noynoy Aquino was leading the presidential race.

Supporters around him in his Polk Street home in San Juan, including his daughter Jerika Lorico, looked anxious but to the 73-year-old man gazing at the huge screen in front of him, the race was far from over.

Groans rose from those around him in the expensive living room each time numbers were announced that showed Aquino had increased his lead.

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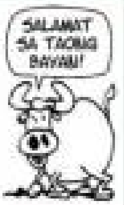
Believe it or not: Bangit believable

By Jocelyn R. Uy and Marlon Ramos

LOOK WHO'S LAUGHING NOW.

After being hounded by suspicions and accusations that he was part of a plot to bring about a failure of elections, Gen. Delfin Bangit, the chief of staff of the

BELIEVE A11



Take a bow, Filipino voters

By Rina Jimenez-David

COMMENTARY

ON MONDAY, FILIPINO VOTERS showed just what they thought of their betters.

For weeks, even months before the voting, legislators, so-called IT experts, business leaders, civil society figures and the candidates themselves were saying that the automated elections would fail.

There were dire warnings of how the basic programs of the computers could be "rigged" to produce the desired results. Talk was rife of how ordinary Filipinos would be so discombobulated by the task of shading the "egg-shaped circles" and feeding a ballot into a PCOS machine that they would either botch the job or stay away completely.

And when, just a few days before the elections, the precinct-specific compact flash cards produced discrepancies during the test votes, all the naysayers raised their voices in a chorus of gloom and doom.

Add to this cloud of negativism the "usual" threats of violence in

TAKE A11

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6/42 LOTTO: 1 6 8 10 31 32 — P11,753,195.60

SUPERLOTTO 6/49: 1 15 23 29 41 42 — P16,000,000.00

All is not lost for Villar

Defeated NP bet has numbers to regain Senate presidency

SEN. MANUEL VILLAR JR. MAY HAVE LOST THE battle for the presidency, but the option of reclaiming the Senate presidency, a position that he previously held, is still open, according to a Nacionalista Party (NP) official.

GMA: We're preparing for 'smooth' transition

Binay sees no malice in Erap's ballot

Unioil slashes gas prices











Nuisance bet made mockery of elections, says Comelec

Business hails 'victory for Pinoys'

THE DAILY GOSPEL

Noynoy, Mar topped vote of OFWs in HK, Singapore

By Cynthia D. Balana

VP race

Singapore votes

US, Europe hail RP polls

By Cynthia D. Balana

Lessons learned

Impressed

Poll body speeds up proclamation process

Not less than 95%

Insurmountable leads

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'Act of statesmanship'

Sense of humility

A well-fought fight

Betrayed by own allies

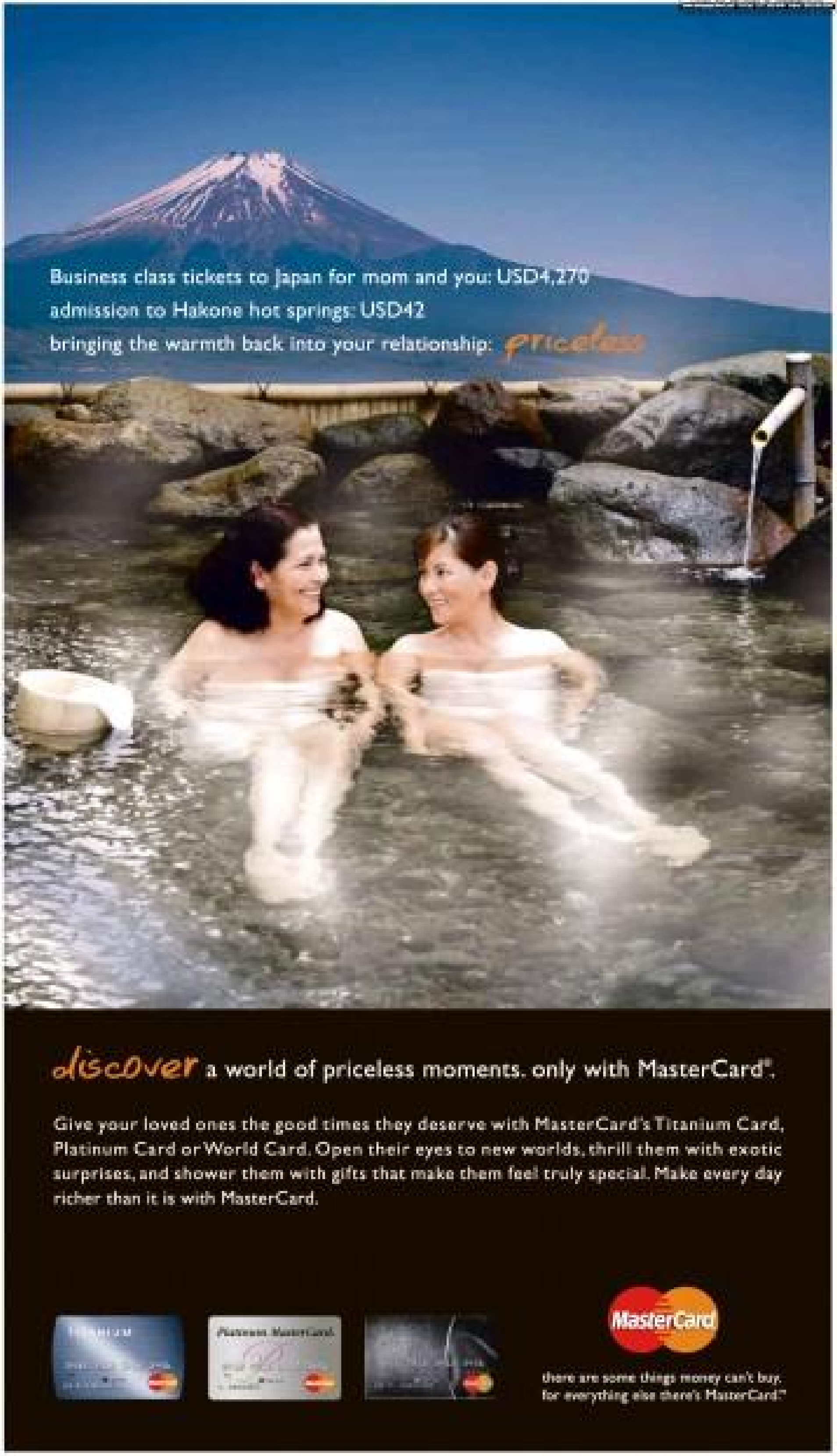
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For Erap, 2010 fight not over yet

Fight not over

'I am not conceding'

"Preprogrammed"


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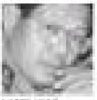
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KEON

GMA, Pacman, Imelda win; Jocjoc, Ermita, Montano losing

Meralco: Outages kept at minimum on election day

POWER DISTRIBUTOR MANILA ELECTRIC Co. yesterday said it had fulfilled its mandate of providing uninterrupted and continuous power to most polling centers and precincts within its franchise area in the light of the country's first automated elections.

"We are glad to inform you that reports of power interruptions and outages during the observance of the national elections were kept at a minimum on election day, May 10, 2010, until yesterday. There were reported isolated outages in several areas but these have been immediately resolved," said Meralco external communications manager Joe Zaldarriaga.

In a statement, Zaldarriaga pointed out that most outages reported at election day were just brief cases, wherein the line tripping had lasted only for a few seconds. *Amy R. Remo*

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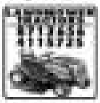
Doomsday scenarios

Lessons learned

Birth pains

WINNERS, LOSERS ACROSS THE NATION AS OF MAY 11, 2010

HIV epidemic imminent in RP, says new study



Clean up, winners and losers urged

By Alexis Papa

PPCRV: Binay takes 14 of 17 regions

Darker shade for Binay

Most organized

Comelec stops tallies for president so as not to preempt Congress

PPCRV count

Estrada lawyer

Constitutional mandate

Special session

Best option

Noy: Kris, Shalani not in Cabinet but Gibo may be invited

No posts for Kris, Shalani

To trim Cabinet

Transition team

GMA's corruption issues

Special commission for Cha-cha

Hyatt 10

PPCRV vote map: Aquino wins 13 of 17 regions

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Inspiring sights

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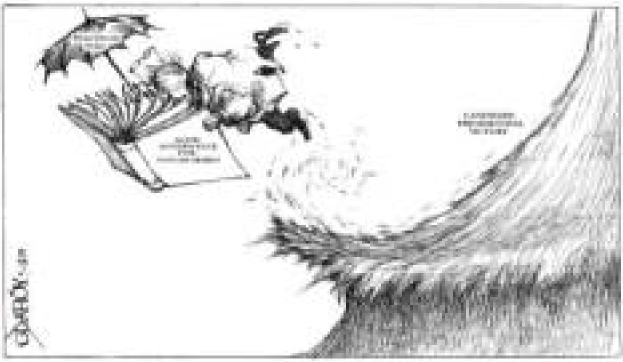
Inconveniences

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

OPINION

Good job

EDITORIALS



Congratulations to poll people

AS I SEE IT

Neal H. Cruz

Beginning and end

THERE'S THE RUB

Conrado de Quiros

Well done

OPINION

A gracious political act

ANALYSIS



Amando Doronila

Mothers and elections

PINOY KASI



Michael L. Tan

Mother-and-child-friendly

Health worker shortage

Noynoy, Jojo, Mar and Erap

AT LARGE



Rina Jimenez-David

Bonifacio, First President of the Philippines?

LOOKING BACK



Ambeth R. Ocampo

Let's look at the documents

LETTERS

Scrap reactivation requirement for pensioners

Taxing gifts from OFWs, our 'bagong bayani'

Agra's reversal proves value of vigilance

Across the NATION

Luzon bets left hanging in suspense

BAGUIO CITY—THE TRANSMISSION OF RESULTS from precincts to towns and cities and eventually to the provinces has been hobbled by machine problems and defective memory cards, delaying the proclamation of candidates in Northern and Central Luzon.

Polls abolish old land sale policy in Baguio City

'Too cautious' poll workers slowed down vote in Davao



In Iloilo, poll results can't cross wall

'If the counting is manual, we could just hand in the printed ER across the building…'

Bicol bishop says RH bill backers' voters sinned

INQUIRER Northern Luzon

In time, Abra will change

Gov't has taken pains to improve Abra's image to draw investments and build up a thriving economy

By Vincent Cabreza
Bangued, Abra

WHEN TELEVISION NEWS TEAMS TURN OFF THEIR CAMERAS and their microphones are diverted to celebrities outside Abra, the people they will leave behind will start to lead lives so ordinary they would not merit attention.



DANGEROUS TIME

Fear violence

'We're often misunderstood'

Mistrust

Election violence persists in some provinces

By Inquirer Bureau



On voting day, automation can't solve low-tech mess

By Inquirer Bureau

Army blames MILF for poll blasts; rebs deny charges



Safe passage for 7 media men harassed in Camiguin

In Lanao Sur, fights, bombings staged to scare voters away

SPORTS



POC sees 'positive,' new PSC leadership

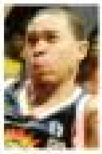


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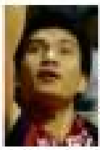
Aces, Realtors collide today; Caguioa back



Barrios: PBA board will decide on Kelly's trade



WILLIAMS



James Yap recovers deadly touch

Pacman now a congressman



2 Pinoy ex-refs make grade as Fiba 'commish'

Hold new swim polls, Asap insists

Cebu Sports Science slated

Tiger swing coach quits

Serena trips Russian foe



DWIGHT Howard of the Orlando Magic dunks against the Atlanta Hawks during Game Four of their Eastern Conference semifinals series. Howard has been a force for the Magic against the Hawks. AP

Magic, Lakers sweep rivals

Orlando's total margin: 101 points



JOE Johnson may soon shed his Atlanta Hawks jersey.

Magic 98, Hawks 84

Bombers face tough Tamaraws in FilOil hoops today

By Jasmine W. Payo

SPORTSWATCH

KidzHoops leveling May 16

SJC Bullstag's last 2 rounds set

New role for Crisano

IN HUDDLE



Beth Celis

Ex-NBA assistant coach to train RP U-18 squad

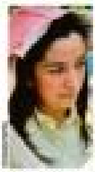

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Aplus METRO

Old faces land on winning slate in Metro

Incumbent mayors keep posts in 8 cities, one town

IF THE MAY 10 ELECTIONS PROVED ANYTHING at all, it was that voters preferred the familiar to the unfamiliar.





MMDA starts clearing streets of campaign litter



Old faces land on winning slate in Metro





Proclaimed winners

Manila

Pasig

San Juan

Mandaluyong

Makati

Quezon City

Las Piñas

Parañaque

Valenzuela

Malabon

Caloocan



Vehicles sold online could be hot cars, police warn

Mike Velarde's debt of gratitude

On Target



Hopes rise demos to end soon



American missiles kill 14 in Pakistan tribal area



Death toll in Iraq attacks reaches 114

WorldBriefs

Jazz star Lena Horne dies at 92

Suu Kyi asks for her freedom

Singapore devastating ecology

Floods leave 70 dead in China

Anwar: Trial tainted with lies

The WORLD

Gulf oil spill swells to 15M liters



A US C-130 Hercules aircraft drops oil-dispersing chemicals into the Gulf of Mexico to contain the spread of an epic oil spill.

ON THE GULF OF MEXICO—BLACK HAWK HELIcopters peppered Louisiana's barrier islands with 1-ton sacks of sand on Monday to bolster the state's crucial wetlands against an epic oil spill, 15.14 million liters (4 million gallons) and growing, in the Gulf of Mexico.



A VIOLENT tornado overturns this truck in Choctaw, Oklahoma.

5 dead as tornadoes hit US

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BUSINESS



Stocks surge 3.8%; peso at 45.005:$1

Markets cheer successful polls

By Doris C. Dumlao and Michelle V. Remo



THE LOCAL STOCK MARKET yesterday staged its sharpest rally in more than eight months on the back of the successful elections and the massive bailout package worked out to prevent a contagion in the Eurozone.

The main-share Philippine Stock Exchange index surged 120.87 points or 3.8 percent to close at 3,252.97 as investors hunted for bargains as soon as the market reopened after the country's first automated elections.

It was the stock market's single biggest rally since Aug. 24 last year, when it surged by 5.11 percent. Investors heaved a sigh of relief given that the country's first automated elections—despite the earlier technical glitches—would be able to proclaim a new President in the next few days. Many were encouraged to reenter the market after last week's heavy selling.

The peso also rebounded as financial markets cheered the conduct of the coun-

STOCKS B2

CURRENCIES



P 45.005 = $ 1

Y 93.84 = $ 1

BSP turns down dual exchange rate proposal

By Michelle V. Remo

THE BANGKO SENTRAL NG PILIPINAS HAS thumbed down proposals to adopt a dual exchange rate system, under which exporters and remittance dependents are allowed to choose a fixed peso-dollar rate, saying such a costly move was something the government could not afford.

Having two exchange rate systems also has an adverse impact on the economy, the BSP said.

Some members of the export sector have called for the adoption of a dual exchange rate system, wherein a weaker exchange rate is applied on them and a free-floating peso is applied on other members of the economy.

Since the government does not want to pay

BSP B2

Liberty reborn

Biz Buzz
By the staff

No high fives

First foreign bonds on PDEx

Grumbling in the SSS

Banks secure P41B from BSP credit facility

By Michelle V. Remo

CebuPac marked milestone in passenger traffic last April

By Paolo G. Montecillo

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Treasury sells ₱8.5-B bonds

Positive reaction to clean polls

By Ronnel W. Domingo

TREASURY | B8



PORTABLE ULTRASOUND BREAKTHROUGH UNVEILED

Celebrating a decade of Wofex

Wedding Coordination Course

SFI Group launches partnership with ACT

Product FILES

Experience American Idol mania at Greenwich



Yum Shots Fun Snack now available



Manila Water joins Aussie acquisition

JG Summit consolidates 3 subsidiaries

PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE

CURRENCY

Gov't debt stock down by P86B as of February

More loans paid, less borrowings during the month

Energy execs approve 222 renewable energy projects

Treasury sells P8.5-B bonds

Business

Philippine exports to Taiwan nearly doubled in Feb.

RP software piracy rate stays at 69%

BSA exec says intellectual property laws should be strengthened



COURTESY CALL TO THE BSP GOVERNOR

By Abigail L. Ho

Sumitomo pushes Coral Bay, Taganito projects

By Riza T. Olchondra

Petron to put up 300 more retail stations this year

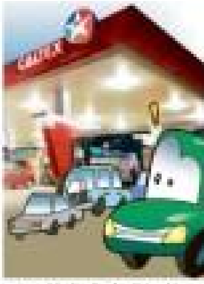


MANG INASAL 238th branch opened last April 30, 2010 at SM City Tarlac. Mang Inasal, known for its tasty Chicken Inasal and other Pinoy favorites, the people of Tarlac jam-packed the store opening as they crave for their favorite pinoy dishes. For more info and updates, please visit www.manginasal.com

MOTORING

Gassing up: what you need to know





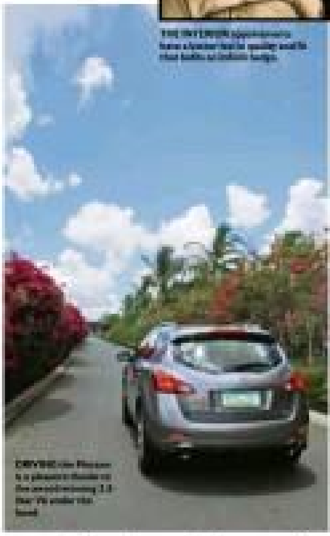


Z for yourself

Grand re-entry for the Nissan Z-51 Murano







Even with its predecessor, the Nissan Murano has always represented something different. Its edgy design came at a time that boxy SUVs were the trend

No election jitters for auto buyers as sales keep uptrend

Suzuki throws SX4 Aero, Crossover into stiff passenger car competition





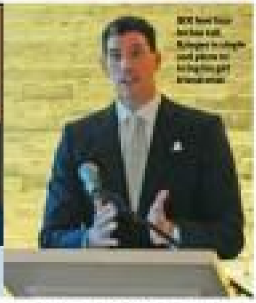
Just in time for a Fiesta

On the Road





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What makes a good driver?

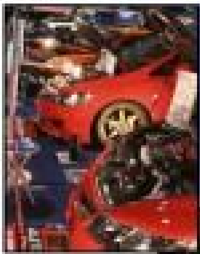












Trans Sport Show holds its ground

Despite Mias standing so close, TSS retains its identity—and following—as the 'true car hobbyists' show. For now



1974 Porsche Martini Racing



FLASHY cars on display at TSS.

Car enthusiasts' views

'True car hobbyists' show

LIFESTYLE Parenting



Little luxuries for little ones

These comforts help parents de-stress



FOUR SEASONS Singapore's [illegible]

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Contributor

AT 22 MONTHS, MY LITTLE one has been on over a dozen international flights and traveled to countries on four continents.

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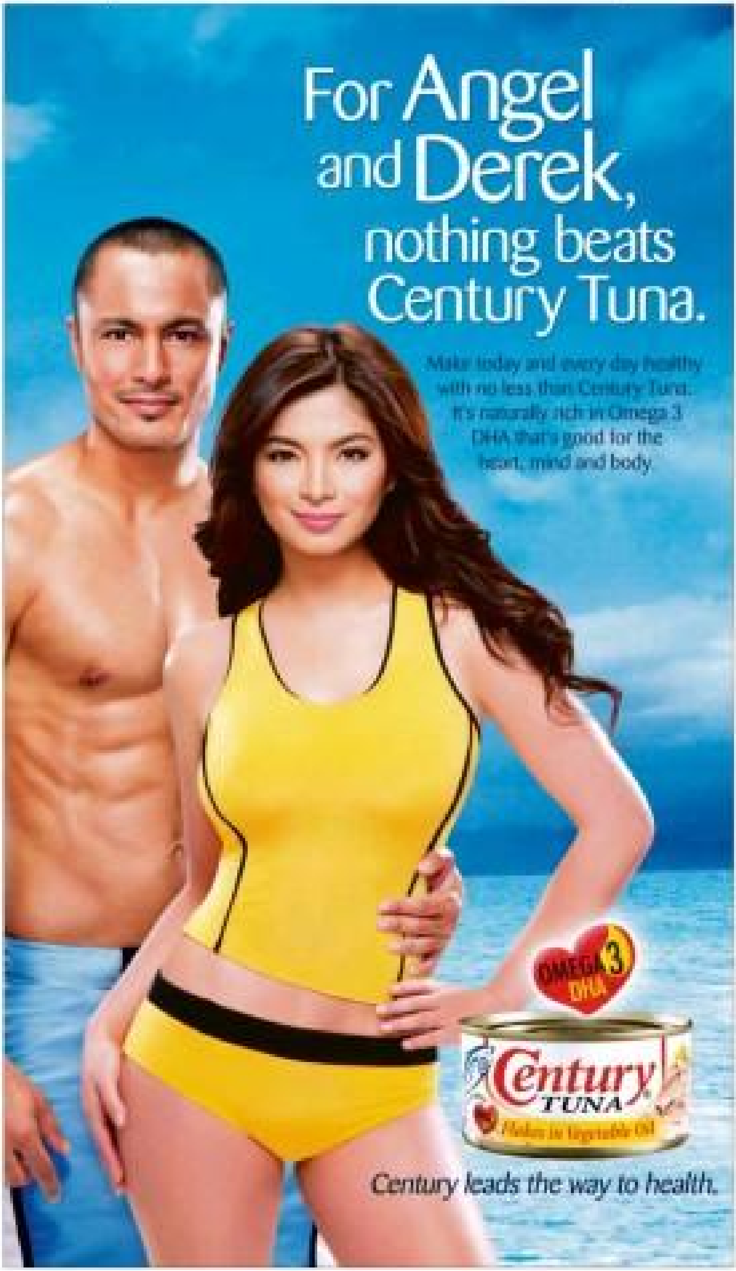
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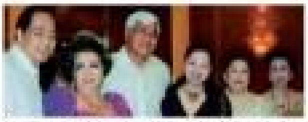




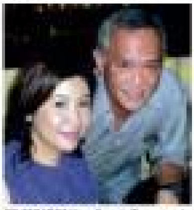
Zonta Club of Manila honors its two women members

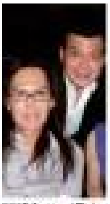










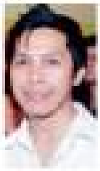


WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELASH

Maurice Arcache







Latin Nights and Mons Tantoco's birthday

'Colorscape's' opening night





Vuda turns 9













Little luxuries for little ones

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Four Seasons Hotel

Greenbelt 5

Jasmine Restaurant, New World Hotel



Milky Way, Pasay Road

Philippine Airlines

Westfield Mall (UK)



How Suzi does her balancing act

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How Suzi does her balancing act

She redefines 'super mom' for today's women



TV HOST Suzi Entrata-Abrera with husband Paolo and their three kids



LIFESTYLE Home&Entertaining

Put together heirloom pieces, garage sale salvages to decorate corners and tabletops



FIND NEW USES FOR BROKEN PIECES. Shattered china and stoneware are made into mosaic. They are combined with beads and shells and cemented on the ground as garden steps. The lively colors pop out from the earth.



GIVE NEW LIFE TO AN OLD OBJECT WITH TRIMMINGS. The lamp is trimmed with beaded trim. A stack of books can also be a decorative element.

10 easy décor tips

By Margo C. Enriquez
Contributor

YOU DON'T NEED TO SPEND a fortune to spruce up your house. Interior designer Marisa Romero puts together heirloom pieces, flea market finds, garage sale salvages and personal objects to decorate corners and tabletops.

"Cracked ceramic pieces also add character. No need to discard them," she says.

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10 easy décor tips



MIX AND MATCH PIECES IN THE CENTERPIECE.



RECYCLE.



CREATE A VIGNETTE THAT TELLS A STORY.



CREATE CONTRASTS IN A NEUTRAL SETTING TO KEEP IT FROM LOOKING FLAT.



PUT TOGETHER SIMILAR OBJECTS AND HAVE A DOMINANT PIECE AS THE FOCAL POINT.



WORK WITH COMPLEMENTARY AND CONTRASTING COLORS TO ENLIVEN NEUTRAL AND WOODEN SURFACES.





HAVE A DÉCOR THEME ON THE TABLESCAPE.

HIGHLIGHT AN AREA OF THE HOUSE WITH A DECORATIVE NOOK.

Seminar helps high school students 'find their sweet spot' and prepare for college

Summer livin', summer loungin'

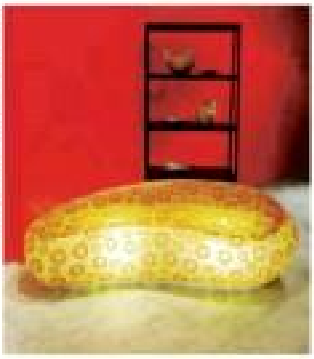


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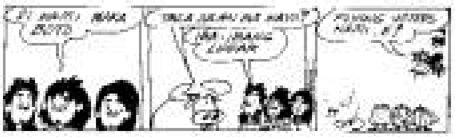
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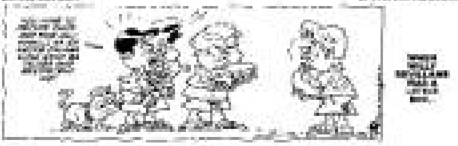
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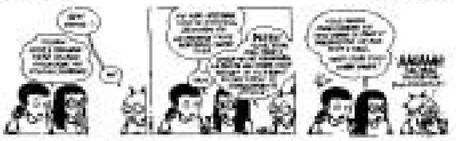


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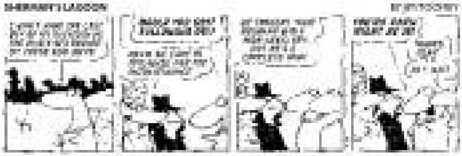




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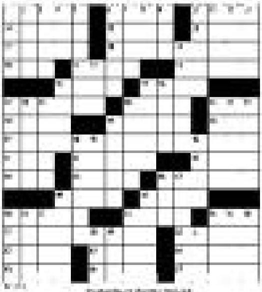
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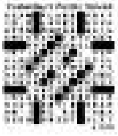
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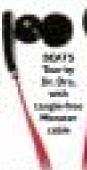




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Casual chic rules at Golden Screen awards

RED CARPET

By Bayani San Diego Jr.
Photos by Andrew Tadalan

SCALED DOWN CAN ALSO BE STYLISH.

Best actress-Drama winner (for "Dukot") Iza Calzado was the first to point out: "This awards show is very relaxed."

Handed out by the Entertainment Press Society, Inc., the Golden Screen awards is seven years young.

Fashion-wise, the stars who attended the event at Teatrino in Greenhills last week underscored the night's casual chic theme.

Iza, who had worn Grecian gowns at the Urian and Star awards nights, opted for a modish black dress by Roj Rosario, and jewelry by Jul B. Olivan.

The actress and rocker-boyfriend Atom King made a cool couple on the red carpet. But she confessed to having the jitters. At the program, she said, "It's my first time to win Best Actress. My knees were shaking. Since I tend to panic and forget everything.

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IZA Calzado in Roj Rosario, jewelry by Jul B. Olivan

'Idol' reject sees own star in country music

LOS ANGELES—ELIMINATED "AMERICAN Idol" contestant Aaron Kelly said on Thursday he hopes to forge a career in country music.

Kelly, 17, who had to juggle school work with performing on the TV singing contest, said he's almost finished with high school and hoped to make an album soon after.

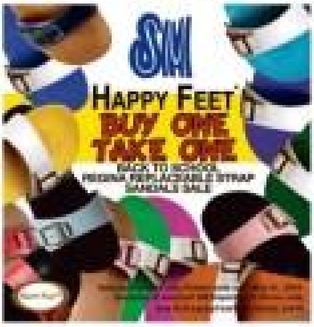
"Country is what I have grown up listening to. It's what I feel I fit most comfortably. The people who inspire me most are Rascal Flatts and Keith Urban ... I see myself hopefully going down that road," Kelly told reporters the day after being voted off the show.

Kelly, who revealed he is also a songwriter, said he was happy to have made it to the Top 5 of the competition and that he had taken on board comments by the judges on improving his confidence and charisma.

"I think they wanted to see a little more charisma. I got my confidence up. I needed to believe in myself a little bit more ... I was still learning to add extra things to my performances," he said.

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AARON Kelly: "I got my confidence up."











BRILLANTE Mendoza in Hugo Boss



RODERICK Paulate in Barge Romero

Casual chic rules . . .

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I had [illegible] an acceptance speech on my cell phone."

She previously won Best Supporting Actress at the Urian for "Signos" and Breakthrough Actress at the Golden Screen for "Wiltas," both in 2004.

Another first-time Best Actress winner was Eugene Domingo, who won in the Comedy/Musical category for "Kimmy Dora."

"Who am I wearing? This is my costume on [illegible] gag show, 'Comedy Bar.' I came straight from taping," she said. It was by stylist John Paul [illegible].

Domingo described the high of winning thus: "No, I'm floating."

Just as jubilant was Best Supporting Actress Maria Isabel Lopez (for "Kinatay").

"It feels like I've finally graduated after 36 years of schooling," Lopez told [illegible].

Lopez wore an outfit that she put together herself: a sarong skirt from Bali, Indonesia; a beaded tribal bag from Chiang Mai, Thailand; and a purple top that she made herself. "I designed clothes for department stores before [illegible]."

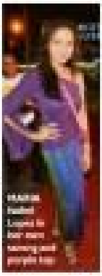
The men were as thrilled onstage as they were on the red carpet. Best Actor-Comedy winner Roderick Paulate, who donned a Barge Romero barong, said his first Best Actor trophy—his third for "Dad na si Lola"—made him feel "happy and honored." He noted, "My two other awards for 'Lola' were for Best Supporting Actor from [illegible]."

Breakthrough Actor [illegible] of "Engkwentro" was "shocked" by his first-ever award. "It was unexpected. I dedicate it to my family in Cebu."

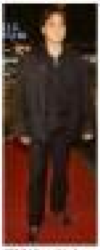
"Lola" also won Best Comedy Film and Best Screenplay for director [illegible].

Best Director Brillante Mendoza (who won for "Kinatay") wore a Hugo Boss suit. "I feel validated ... to be appreciated not only by international journalists, but by these local counterparts here as well."

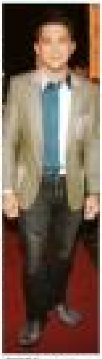
"Kinatay" also won Best Picture Drama.



MARIA Isabel Lopez in her own sarong and purple top



JOHN Apacible by [illegible]



BEST Supporting Actor Dennis Trillo of "Mano Po 6" in [illegible]



SNOOKY Serna in "old black pantsuit," with a [illegible] shawl



LARA Morena in Jessica McClintock

Other Golden Screen winners



[illegible] accepts [illegible] Lifetime Achievement Award

BEST Cinematography—Odyssey Flores, "Lola"

Best Production Design—[illegible], "Ang Panday"

Best Editing—[illegible], "Kinatay"

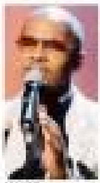
Best Musical Score—[illegible], "Ang Panday"

Best Sound—Albert Michael Idioma, "Kinatay"

Best Visual Effects—[illegible], "Ang Panday"

Best Original Song—[illegible]

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JAMIE Foxx

Jamie Foxx mentors Idols

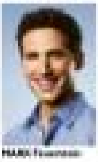
TODAY ON "AMERICAN Idol," the Top 4 Crystal Bowersox, Lee DeWyze, Michael Lynche and Casey James take on songs from the cinema under the guidance of Oscar-winning actor/singer Jamie Foxx.

The four are survivors of Frank Sinatra week, which marked the elimination of Aaron Kelly from the competition.

It's "American Idol" performance night tonight at 8 p.m. and results night tomorrow at 8 p.m., with same-day replays at 9 p.m. on Q Channel 11 and Star World.

Crime series

Simon Baker is Patrick Jane, a police consultant in the crime procedural TV series "The Mentalist," which airs Thursdays at 9 p.m. on 2nd Avenue.



MARK Feuerstein

Jane's perceptive take on the world combined with a little psychic ability aids him in cracking cases.

He wants to bring his wife's and daughter's murderer to justice.

Also airing on 2nd Avenue are the sitcom "Rita Rocks" with Nicole Sullivan, Richard Ruccolo and Kelly Gould on Sundays at 6 p.m., and the medical drama "Royal Pains" starring Mark Feuerstein as Hank Lawson on Tuesdays at 9 p.m.

The channel's hit movie features on Saturday night at 9 p.m. are "A Good Year" on May 15, "Charlie Wilson's War" on May 22 and "Little Miss Sunshine" on May 29.

Animal encounters

This month, Animal Planet's series "Untamed and Uncut" brings the most incredible animal encounters caught on videotape.

This season puts the spotlight on people who have experienced bizarre animal behavior while they were on vacation, at work and even at home.

It airs Thursdays at 10 p.m., starting tomorrow, with encores on Fridays at 4 a.m., Saturdays at 1 p.m. and 11 p.m. and Sundays at 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

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ILOCOS NORTE

1 YOU TO ME ARE EVERYTHING
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Not many things make Jessica Soho cry

But one subject sure melts the heart of this fearless broadcast journalist



By Bayani San Diego Jr.

Present challenges

Constantly pushing

Real threat

What talent really is—and isn't



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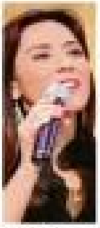
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Love in a time of ticking biological clocks

Big surprise



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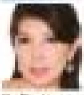


RACHEL: Implement better heath care programs.



DREW: Do lifestyle and performance checks.

Dolly Wood



Dolly Anne Carvajal



MR. PJ: Put all people with negative vibes in jail.

Why Mega is not happy, and why Sarah was terrified

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All winners now

[illegible]



"IDOLS" Casey James, Crystal Bowersox, Lee DeWyze and Michael Lynche

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Top 3 'Idols'

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RUSHES

Quentin heads Venice jury

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Gandolfini, producer

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MONGOLIAN toddler Bayarjargal in "Babies"

Hello, 'Babies'!

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OPENING TODAY



MILEY Cyrus and Liam Hemsworth in "The Last Song"

Here Comes the Bride

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ANGELICA Panganiban in "Here Comes the Bride"

The Last Song

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American Virgin

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A Nightmare on Elm Street

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